

DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Seaford School District Board Room
390 North Market Street Ext., Seaford, DE 19973
January 17, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Nina Lou Bunting, Candice Fifer, Vincent Lofink, Dr. Audrey Noble, Wali Rushdan II, Whitney Sweeney

Members Absent: Dr. Terry Whittaker

Others Present: Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education and State Board of Education (SBE) Executive Secretary; Rae Mims, Deputy Attorney General, representing the SBE; Jenna Ahner, SBE Executive Director; Rick Lane, PSB/SBE Administrative Assistant; Dawn McHugh, SBE Administrative Assistant; Christine Alois, DOE; Leroy Travers, DOE; Emily Cunningham, DOE; Dana Bowe, 2019 Teacher of the Year; Dave Perrington, Seaford School District; Chester Cox; Seaford School District; Chad Luzier, Seaford School District; Kelly Hageman, Seaford School District; Sharon DiGirgolamo, Seaford School District; Eulinda Gallagher, Seaford School District; David Tull, Seaford School District; Corey Miklus, Seaford School District; Duncan Smith, Seaford School District.

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order: Ms. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Ms. Sweeney thanked the Seaford School District and Superintendent David Perrington for hosting the State Board of Education's meeting.

- B. Roll Call

Mr. Lane conducted roll call for the meeting with 6 members present (Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

Ms. Sweeney announced that Terry Whittaker had resigned from the State Board of Education.

- C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lofink and seconded by Mr. Rushdan to approve the January 17, 2019 agenda. *The motion carried* (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

- D. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2018

A motion was made by Dr. Noble and seconded by Mr. Lofink to approve the December 20, 2018 minutes as presented. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

E. Approval of Strategic Planning Workshop Minutes for January 12, 2019

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Rushdan to approve the January 12, 2019 minutes as presented. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

II. State Board Business

A. Committee Reports

Board members provided updates on recent committee participation and State Board business. Ms. Sweeney provided an update on a recent meeting of the P20 Council. Mr. Lofink provided an update on the CTE committee. Dr. Noble provided an update on the DPAS II committee.

B. Youth Drug Prevention Curriculum Task Force (SCR69) Report Overview and Next Steps

Ms. Ahner provided an overview of the Youth Drug Prevention Curriculum Task Force, which began in September 2018. She reviewed the recommendations put forward in the final report.

Christine Alois, Deputy Secretary of Education, provided an update on the Department's work underway to implement the recommendations outlined in the final report. The Board asked questions regarding the recommended grant program and involvement of community partners, such as Christiana Care.

To fulfill one of the recommendations in the Task Force report, Ms. Ahner and Ms. Alois discussed the creation of a Drug and Substance Abuse Advisory Group to be co-chaired by the Department of Education and State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Rushdan and seconded by Mr. Lofink to approve Mrs. Fifer as the Board's representative for the Drug and Substance Abuse Advisory Group. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

C. Establishment of Teacher of the Year Advisory Board

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Lofink to establish the Teacher of the Year Advisory Board. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

A motion was made by Mr. Lofink and seconded by Mr. Rushdan to appoint Mrs. Bunting as the State Board representative on the Teacher of the Year Advisory Board. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

D. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ahner provided an update on recent activities in her office.

III. Secretary's Report

Dr. Susan Bunting provided her report, highlighting the Department's work and visits within the last two months.

IV. Presentations

A. Seaford School District Spotlight

David Perrington, Seaford School District Superintendent, provided an overview of work underway in the Seaford School District. Sharon DiGirgolamo presented on the district's work with Project SEARCH. Kelly Hageman presented on the district's dual language immersion program.

The Board discussed and asked questions regarding assessment, dual language immersion, teacher recruitment and certification for the dual language program, and the diploma of alternate achievement standards.

B. Teacher of the Year – Dana Bowe

Dana Bowe, Delaware's 2019 Teacher of the Year, provided an overview of her work, including stories of students she has worked with.

C. Delaware School Report Cards

Ms. Alois provided a brief overview of Delaware's state, district and school Report Card which launched on January 16, 2019. The report cards will replace the Delaware School Profiles. The Board asked questions about the design of the report cards, ability to download data, feedback from parents, the ability to compare across schools and districts, and the ability to track metrics on use of the website.

V. Charter Schools

Leroy Travers of the Charter School Office provided an update on the work of his office. Mr. Travers shared that no new charter applications have been received.

Mr. Travers provided the Board with information on the minor modification applications submitted by First State Military Academy, Freire Charter School, Great Oaks Charter School, and Sussex Academy. The minor modifications have been approved by Secretary Bunting.

Mr. Travers provided the Board with an update on a major modification application submitted by Las Americas Aspira Academy. He outlined the timeline and next steps for the Charter School Accountability Committee.

Mr. Travers shared that the Charter School Annual Report will be released in February and discussed at the February State Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Noble asked for an update on the finances of First State Military Academy. The Board asked for more specific information to be shared at the March State Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Sweeney asked for an update on Odyssey Charter School.

VI. Department of Education Regulations

A. Regulation 507 – Student Success Planning (for Information)

Emily Cunningham presented Regulation 507 – Student Success Planning. This is a Secretary-only regulation. The Board discussed the proposed regulation.

B. Regulation 505 – High School Graduation Requirements and Diplomas (for Action)

Ms. Cunningham presented Regulation 505 – High School Graduation Requirements and Diplomas. The Board discussed the proposed regulation.

A motion to approve Regulation 505 was made by Mr. Rushdan and seconded by Mr. Lofink. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

C. Regulation 1008 – DIAA Junior High and Middle School Interscholastic Athletics (for Information)

Ms. Sweeney provided an overview of Regulation 1008 – DIAA Junior High and Middle School Interscholastic Athletics. The Board discussed the proposed regulation.

D. Regulation 1009 – DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics (for Information)

Ms. Sweeney provided an overview of Regulation 1009 – DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics. The Board discussed the proposed regulation.

E. Public Comment on Department of Education regulations

No public comment was given.

VII. State Board Preliminary Goal Setting

A motion to approve the State Board's FY19 priorities was made by Mr. Lofink and seconded by Mrs. Fifer. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

VIII. Formal Public Comment

No public comment was given.

IX. Appeals and Reviews

A. Student (TB) v. Smyrna School District (for Information)

Rae Mims, Deputy Attorney General, provided the Board with information on this student appeal.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lofink and seconded by Mr. Rushdan. ***The motion carried*** (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Digital recordings of the meeting can be found in the “audio recordings” section of the State Board of Education’s website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education

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